

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Upper Arkansas WS - Forestry

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| Program: | Ranking Date: | Application Number: |
| Ranking Tool: Upper Arkansas WS - Forestry | | Applicant: |
| Final Ranking Score: | | Address: |
| Planner: | | Telephone: |
| Farm Location: | | |

National Priorities Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. Increase carbon sequestration? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

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| 7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in: | |
| 8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Does the applicant meet the following conditions: | |
| 9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

State Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| 1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Does the project improve habitat for a wildlife species currently categorized as a State or Federal T&E species, Federal Candidate or Proposed species, or State Species of Concern? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced or streambank erosion? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

Local Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| 1. Does the applicant have a forest management plan approved by a qualified forester, TSP certified in forestry planning, or NRCS person certified in planning forest land that addresses the concerns the application? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Is the proposed project and practices that will be contracted part of an adjoining multi-landowner project? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Is the planned conservation treatment part of a post-burn recovery effort or does the planned conservation treatment impact potential burn by the reduction of hazardous fuels for the prevention of wildfires? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Is there a documented problem associated with an invasive species or pest such as the Ips bark beetle? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Does the conservation treatment include the installation of practices that improve and enhance upland wildlife habitat as a part of the overall operation of the agricultural enterprise, including invasive species control? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Forest Riparian Management-Grazing: Will the project provide livestock watering out of the riparian area, or provide limited access to water with the use of water gaps and /or stream crossings designed to limit livestock access to stream banks? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. If grazed forest, will grazing land monitoring be conducted by any one of the following methods (photo points, forage analysis, permanent transects)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Assessment of Site Specific Potential Environmental Benefit-Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) Statewide Forest Resource Assessment. (Answer only one 8a-8d, yes, if applicable) | |
| 8. a. Is the proposed project in a Low Value 12 digit HUC (6th level watershed) per the CSFS Statewide Forest Resource Assessment Final Theme Analysis? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. b. Is the proposed project in a Moderate Value 12 digit HUC (6th level watershed) per the CSFS Statewide Forest Resource Assessment Final Theme Analysis? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. c. Is the proposed project in a High Value 12 digit HUC (6th level watershed) per the CSFS Statewide Forest Resource Assessment Final Theme Analysis? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. d. Is the proposed project in a Very High Value 12 digit HUC (6th level watershed) per the CSFS Statewide Forest Resource Assessment Final Theme Analysis? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Assessment of Site Specific Potential Environmental Benefit-Fire Regime Class. Points based on fire regime condition class (FRCC), according to Landfire fire regime data. (Answer only one 9a-9c, yes, if applicable) | |

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| 9. a. Is the proposed project in a predominantly Fire Regime Condition Class I (low departure) area? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. b. Is the proposed project in a predominantly Fire Regime Condition Class II (moderate departure) area? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. c. Is the proposed project in a predominantly Fire Regime Condition Class III (high departure) area? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Conservation treatment that will be implemented that results in enhanced plant diversity and vigor by improved management of the grazed forest system. (Answer only one 10a-10e, yes, if applicable) | |
| 10. a. Does the conservation treatment include the installation of practices that improves grazing rotation with a switchback system? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 10. b. Does the conservation treatment include the installation of practices that improves grazing rotation with a rest-rotation system? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 10. c. Does the conservation treatment include the installation of practices that improves grazing rotation with a deferred rotation system? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 10. d. Does the conservation treatment include the installation of practices that improves grazing rotation with a limited pasture rotational grazing system? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 10. e. Does the conservation treatment include the installation of practices that improves grazing rotation with a standard short duration cell grazing system? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Conservation treatment that will be implemented that results in enhanced plant diversity and vigor by improved management of the grazed forest system. (Answer only one 11a-11b, yes, if applicable) | |
| 11. a. Does the conservation treatment include modification of grazing duration to allow each pasture to be grazed during growing season for 15 days or less each time AND each pasture grazed at a different time from year to year? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 11. b. Does the conservation treatment include modification of grazing duration such that a scheduled rotation is used that will allow the grazing duration in each pasture to be greater than 15 days but less than or equal to 30 days AND each pasture is grazed at a different time from year to year? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Forest Riparian Management-Stream Stabilization: Conservation treatment addressing streams running thru forests and associated stream stabilization practices. (Answer only one 12a-12c, yes, if applicable) | |
| 12. a. Improvement in riparian/stream health as measured with the Stream Visual Assessment Protocol 2 (SVAP2) by an increase in score of 5 or greater relative to the current benchmark condition. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 12. b. Improvement in riparian/stream health as measured with the Stream Visual Assessment Protocol 2 (SVAP2) by an increase in score of 3 but less than 5 relative to the current benchmark condition. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 12. c. Improvement in riparian/stream health as measured with the Stream Visual Assessment Protocol 2 (SVAP2) by an increase in score of less than 3 relative to the current benchmark condition. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Conservation treatment resulting in reduction of concentrated water erosion on offered acres as documented on CPA-52. Points are based on the percent of the offered acres affected by ephemeral and/or classic gullies that will be addressed with the conservation treatment. (Answer only one 13a-13c, yes, if applicable) | |
| 13. a. Percent (%) of applicable acres affected by concentrated flow that are treated >0 but =<25? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 13. b. Percent (%) of applicable acres affected by concentrated flow that are treated >25 but =<50? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 13. c. Percent (%) of applicable acres affected by concentrated flow that are treated >50? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

Land Use:

| Resource Concerns | Practices |
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Ranking Score

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| Efficiency: |
| Local Issues: |
| State Issues: |
| National Issues: |
| Final Ranking Score: |

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

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| NRCS Representative: Signature Date: | Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date: |
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